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**Senator Gregg: Senate Takes a Step in the Right Direction on Fiscal Discipline
*Baucus Amendment Felled by Minority's Victory in Sustaining Budget Point Order***

Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH), ranking member of the Senate Budget Committee, today successfully raised a Budget Act point of order against the Baucus substitute amendment to the extenders bill. The 311(a)(2) point of order, which prohibits spending more in 2010 than the level set in the most recent budget resolution, requires 60 votes to waive. The motion to waive received only 45 votes, and so the Baucus amendment fell.

“This bill would have spent more money than we budgeted for in the FY2010 budget resolution, so the Senate took a small but important step toward fiscal discipline when 52 senators stood together to say ‘no’ to more spending,” said Senator Gregg. “This was a victory for all Americans who are fed up with Congress’ reckless spending and who believe that like all American households and businesses, the federal government must learn to live within its own budget.”